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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Some Important Happenings in the South

### THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsworthy Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

North Ontario is to have an M. E. church.

Terminal Island is soon to have postal privileges.

San Diego women held a purity conference last week.

The Randsburg railroad has been completed to Johannesburg.

The Hotel del Coronado is crowded as it has not been for years.

The Soldiers Home has 1646 members presents, and 638 absent on furlough.

The question of incorporating the town of Chino is again being agitated.

San Diego's Salvation Army fed 500 of the poor of the city on Christmas day.

Summerland has a well which regularly pumps one barrel of oil every hour.

The supervisors of Ventura have just let a contract for a new bridge to cost \$31,369.

A ten-acre orange grove on Adams street, Riverside, has been sold for \$12,500.

Oil storage tanks are being built in Los Angeles with a capacity of 66,700 barrels.

Geo. M. Walker of the hotel Coronado has taken charge of the Adams hotel in Phoenix.

The Redlands Facts gives the actual population of that city at the close of this year at 3936.

The United States fish commission steamer Albatross is tied up at Coronado for the winter.

James H. Dunsmore has been appointed postmaster for Lancaster in place of Miss Abbie Dunning.

Farmers at Garden Grove, Orange county, propose organizing a mutual fire insurance company.

The Pasadena Flower parade on New Year Day, contained 27 divisions and was the best ever given.

A. Hampton, of San Francisco, is in San Pedro with a view to starting a factory for the manufacture of water and oil tanks.

The Jews have an organ in Los Angeles in "The Emanu-el" a weekly paper lately started. It is handsomely printed, on fine paper.

The McDonald company is to erect a five story flouring mill on the East Second street, Los Angeles, capacity, 200 barrels per day.

The farmers between Fallbrook and Ranchita are up in arms, because the S. C. R. R. tracks between the two points are being torn up.

Another sugar factory is to be built in the near future at Los Posos. A short railroad will be built to connect the factory with the main line.

The ladies of Santa Barbara earned between \$90 and \$100 for their Y. M. C. A. while operating the street car service of the city a few days ago.

The Banning Company of Los Angeles has filed articles of incorporation for its Catalina interests, in Ventura county. The capital stock is \$1,000,000.

Miss Ethel Hope Doege, a prominent young society belle of Santa Barbara, has joined the Sprickett Theatrical Co. Her stage name will be Noel Hope.

The inkeeper's law passed by the legislature in 1893 protecting the hotel men against dead beats is practically declared invalid by Judge Day of Santa Barbara.

In the case of the People vs. the Linda Vista Irrigation District, a suit brought to dissolve the district, judgement of the court has been entered for the district.

Rev. Selah Brown, well known in Southern California, was married to Mrs. Mary C. Caples, of Fostoria, Ohio, at her home on the evening of December 30, 1897.

Bathers were numerous in the surf at Santa Monica Sunday, December 26th, 1897. In the blizzard-stricken East the people were just crawling out from under the last snow storm.

A big guarantee has been secured for the Redlands military celebration to be held in that city on Washington's birthday. Special excursion will be run from all parts of Southern California.

The price tramp of the crowning years of the nineteenth century is spending the winter at Rivers de. He frightened a house wife nearly into hysterics by asking for a piece of soap. She thought he was crazy.

Jerome is soon to have the class of business buildings as a thriving solid town like this deserves. A \$30,000 hotel is promised, as well as two lesser buildings; one a two story stone building; the other a three story brick.

From Manvel to the edge of Death Valley from four to six inches of snow fell last week. The cold was extreme, and old timers on the desert declare that such a blizzard had not visited that section in over twenty years.

Gov. Budd will come to Southern California about January 15 and remain in this section of the state 10 days. He will inspect the state hospital at Highland, the reform school at Whittier and will visit San Diego and other towns.

The Indians about San Jacinto are receiving substantial gifts from the government through Indian Agent Wright, who for the past three weeks has been disbursing a large invoice of farm implements among the different tribes.

The total shipment of oranges for the season just ended has been figured out by both the S. P. and the S. F. Over the last named system 837 cars went east out of Los Angeles, while the S. P. Company beat this record by 84 cars additional.

Ward Bros. under contract with W. W. Beach will put up a factory at Asbury station, Long Beach, for canning clam extract, chowder, etc. The company to be known as The Los Angeles Packing company, will own their own boats, seines, etc.

The out-door pastime of Golf is having a genuine boom all over Southern California. There are links now at Pasadena, Los Angeles, Colegrove and Santa Monica, with new converts daily added to the list of those who at once become enthusiasts of the game.

The new railroad extension from Benson to Nacosari will be 110 miles long making a total of about 170 miles. This will be valuable to Sonora, opening up both a great copper camp and a vast cattle and agricultural region. The new 75 pound steel is being distributed.

About Dec. 10th. three cowboys in eastern Graham county brought in a fairy tale of having being pursued by five Indians and driven to cover at their ranch. Troops were sent out and found the Indians nothing worse than a party of Mexicans. The soldiers got back in their fort in safety.

Articles of incorporation have been filed in Los Angeles by the International Wave Motor Company. The purpose of the organization is to acquire patents in foreign countries for wave motors, whereby the wave movement of the ocean is made available as a motive power for the generation of electricity. The capital stock is \$1,000,000.

In drafting specifications for the improvement of San Pedro harbor Major Davis took good care to guard against excessive freight charges on material by giving to bidders an option on stone to be taken from the government reservation on San Clemente Island. An unusually large number of bids will be submitted and the contract is likely to be awarded by the middle of March.

It is said on apparently excellent authority that the Southern Pacific is preparing to build a railroad from Chatsworth, just over the Ventura county line, to Montalvo, on the regular Santa Barbara-Los Angeles line. This road will pass through Calleguas, Los Posos and Simi. The new line will cut off ten miles to Los Angeles from Santa Barbara.

San Bernardino suffered from a fire which threatened the whole city and destroyed many buildings. Good work was done by local firemen, but the situation was so alarming that calls were sent to Riverside, Redlands, and Colton for help. The fire department from those places responded promptly and did good work. The total losses, as near as can be estimated are \$75,000.

At Ventura on Christmas day fires were started in the furnaces of the California Asphaltum Company, and the works assuming their former activity, after having been shut down three months for the purpose of making extensive improvements. The sulfuric acid stills have been supplied with fume eradicators, and hereafter all disagreeable odors will be consumed by underground tunnels and hydraulic appliances.

## PACIFIC COAST NEWS

### Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

The Sanger box factory was burned at Fresno.

Phoenix will have a new \$30,000 opera house, three stories high.

Girl contestants met on the San Francisco football grounds Christmas day.

An indignation meeting has been held at San Jose to roast the common council of that city.

W. F. Peterson has been elected president of the Pacific Coast Travelers Association.

Thatcher, Ariz. is soon to have a planing mill and door and sash factory in running order.

Monterey county stockmen have organized to prosecute thieves and eradicate diseases among cattle.

Eastern capitalists are making overtures to erect water works, worthy the name, in Tucson, Ariz.

Dona Josefa Abrego, one of the few remaining persons of the old Spanish regime in California is dead.

Joseph R. Howell has been appointed to succeed Lieut.-Col. John Bradbury of Los Angeles as a member of Gov. Budd's staff.

The Nevada National bank of San Francisco has been authorized to begin business with a capital of \$3,000,000. It was a state bank.

The law firm of Delmas and Shortridge has been dissolved, Delmas retiring. He says he desires to devote his attention to private affairs.

Messrs. Friedlander and Gottlob have taken possession of the Baldwin and California theaters in San Francisco, as successors of Al Hayman.

The old Starr flouring mill at Stockton will be converted into a beet sugar factory. Arrangements have been made for growing 1500 acres of beets.

C. W. Childs of San Jose, has been elected president of the California Teachers Association for 1898. The association will meet at Santa Rosa next year.

The contempt case against juror Smyth being dismissed, Durrant's attorneys are preparing for another appeal to the supreme court of the United States.

It is said that there is but one place in the entire United States where the historical thorn of Palestine can be found growing in its natural state, and that is Ariz.

Southern Arizona and Mexico produce a weed called the mariguana, which, mixed with tobacco and smoked, produces a more powerful effect than opium or any other known agent of fumigation.

The still, clear atmosphere at Flagstaff, Ariz. makes it an ideal point of observation, and it is understood that a large number of discoveries of great interest and value have been made there, which will be given to the public in the near future.

Four sturdy miners, who left Dawson Nov. 4, have reached Skaguay in safety. They say there is enough food in Dawson to last until Spring, that the miners are rich and no trouble will be found getting on the trail if the weather gets no worse.

The celebration of California's Golden Jubilee, January 24 promises to be a great event at San Francisco. The city has appropriated \$3000 for expenses and governor Budd has exercised his fondness for creating holidays by naming this day as one. The event will be observed in various other cities and towns.

Rev. Dr. Geoghegan, pastor of the First Unitarian church at Berkeley created a sensation in the college town by a sermon, the purport of which was to give the Unitarian idea of Jesus Christ. In his discourse the preacher said vast number of men had attained a degree of righteousness equal to that possessed by Christ.

Mc Kinley's secretary of Agriculture Wilson has sent out a bulletin stating

that no oranges are grown in California. It makes no mention of grapes in this state south of latitude 39 degrees and says figs and Japanese persimmons do not grow here. No mention is made of raisins and the state is not credited with any ability to raise walnuts.

Prof. Willard B. Rising, dean of the College of Chemistry of the University of California, has received the honor of an appointment as member of the American committee for the third International Congress of Applied Chemistry, to be held in Vienna next July, at which it is expected that the most famous chemists of the world will be present.

Imports of merchandise at San Francisco during the first eleven months of the year were \$37,448,300 against \$34,073,600 for the same period last year, and included \$8,856,000 from Japan, \$6,458,000 from China; \$2,246,731 from Great Britain, \$97,800 from the Hawaiian Islands, 2,635,500 from Central America, 1,600,800 from British Columbia, 1,687,000 from the East Indies.

### FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

The Canadian Parliament has been called to meet February 3.

No American prisoner is now confined in prison in the Island of Cuba.

England has refused to become a party to the agreement to stop sealing in the Bering sea.

Severe earthquake shocks occurred near Smyrna, Asia Minor. Several persons were killed.

The pope has expressed his sympathy with Spain in her efforts to suppress the Cuban rebellion.

It is rumored that seizure has been made by England of an island in the mouth of the Yang Tsing river.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce has petitioned the government to institute the single gold standard in India.

A Swiss surgeon concluded a laparotomy operation by the removal of the stomach, and the patient recovered.

It is rumored that the Marquis of Hertford will succeed the Earl of Aberdeen as Governor-General of Canada.

### EASTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The Walcott-Tracy prize-fight in Chicago ended in a draw.

Kid McCoy has challenged Fitzsimmons for a fight to a finish.

A cracker trust has been organized with a capital of \$55,000,000.

A whipping post bill has been introduced into the Virginia legislature.

Katheryn Kidder, the famous tragedienne, is seriously ill in St. Louis.

Brady writes an insulting challenge to Fitzsimmons on behalf of Corbett.

Fire destroyed \$40,000 worth of property in the business part of Jerome, Ariz.

A five story building was wrecked by natural gas at Chicago injuring 23 people.

The Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe Company, Cincinnati, has failed for \$300,000.

The Overman company has made an assignment and the Victor bicycle shops are closed.

George Croker, brother of the great Tammany leader, died in New York of heart failure.

The Detroit Free Press and the Heinman buildings were destroyed by fire. Total loss \$740,000.

### WASHINGTON NOTES.

Congress re-convened Wednesday January 5.

Rumors of the resignation of Secretary of the Treasury Gage are denied.

Minister Sewall is charged with meddling with the internal affairs of Hawaii.

A strong fight is being put up in Ohio against the election of Mark Hanna to the senate.

Patent office records were broken one day last week when 375 applications for patents were received.

Protests against the confirmation of Mc Kenna are still pouring in on the senators and representatives.

All the nations of Europe are anxiously waiting to see what course the United States will take in Chinese affairs.

## MINES AND MINING.

Dividends to the amount of over one million dollars have been paid by Cripple Creek mines this year.

The Gold King Mining Company is putting up a five-stamp mill at Stanton, Yavapai county, Ariz.

The advertisements of some of the new Alaska mining and developing companies are outrageously deceptive and untrue.

Several copper prospects are being worked near the eastern base of Black Mountain, west of Garlock, Kern county.

The mines of San Diego county are showing great activity, and the output of gold is expected to show a great increase for the year.

There is a great deal of activity in gold mining in Georgia, North Carolina and Alabama, and development work is being pushed all over the field.

The estimates from Washington, D. C., that there are 75,000 miners in the Klondike and Yukon country are very much exaggerated. The number is nearer 7000 than 75,000.

The Agua Fria Copper Company of Agua Fria district, Yavapai county, Ariz., has sold its Copper Mountain mines, smelter, etc., to the Standard Copper Company for \$16,000.

The best authorities estimate the total sum of silver money in the world at 3750 million dollars, and the total value of gold money in the world at 3840 millions of dollars.

The company owning the Katskill mine at Bangor, Butte county, have decided to run a tunnel three miles in length, or nearly 16,000 feet, to top the blue gravel lead on their property.

The Phoenix Gazette says it is claimed that the Commonwealth mine at Pearce, Cochise county, Ariz., with fifteen miners and six millmen, is turning out \$200,000 a month in gold. The output is very probably exaggerated, as such things usually are.

If all the silver in the world, coined as money, were melted into a solid cube, a room 66 feet square and 66 feet high would hold it. If the gold coin were similarly treated a room 22 feet square and 22 feet high would hold the precious stuff, and space above it to sleep on.

The White Peak mining district, four miles from Mohave, occupies the apex of a triangle located between the A. T. & S. F. R. R., and the S. E. R. R., and is the scene of much mining activity at present. Over 200 locations have been made by prospectors who are busy on development work.

At the rooms of the Academy of Sciences in San Francisco there is a crystal cut into globe form of about eight inches in diameter, which the curator says would have a commercial value of \$1000 if it were perfectly clear, but it is clouded in one little spot by the presence of iron stain, consequently it is only a "thing of beauty."

One party on the way to the Klondike by the Stickeen-river route took three tons, including a horse, in a scow twenty-eight feet long and seven-foot beam. It took them seven weeks to go 150 miles, rowing, pulling and polling up the stream to Glenora. Whenever they could they made the horse tow the boat; at other times the animal was taken aboard.

Stanford University Enters the Great Field of Mining.

The creation at Stanford University of a department of mining and metallurgy, with Waldemar Lindgren at its head, is a significant progressive step in Pacific Coast mining affairs. It is a result of the new life in the mining industry and the opening of a new and boundless future for it on the Pacific Coast. It is a recognition by a great and liberal institution of the greatly-increased demand on men of scientific skill in the economic development of mines. Never was that demand so great as now, but the demand will rapidly increase with the growth of the industry.

Mining has at last become a science, and the merely "practical miner" cannot compete with the man who adds practical experience to a long scientific training. In one of the first stamp-mills set up in California, milling quartz ore alone cost \$50 a ton. Now ore is both mined and milled in this State for from 40 cents to \$6 a ton, the average cost being perhaps \$3 a ton. The cost of mining has been reduced to a fraction of what it was within the experience of men now engaged in mining by mechanical inventions and metallurgical researches, and there is a constant decrease in the cost and constant improvement in the efficiency of methods. Capital has created an insatiable demand for men of skill, and this has recently opened wide a new field for young men, which has crowded the chief mining-schools of the country and of them there are few. The College of Mines of the State University has treble the attendance it had four years ago, and prospective endowments for this department promise to make it in the future the leading mining school of the world.